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merce with any foreign nation, has been held within the regulative power of Congress. The Abby Dodge, 223 U. S. 166. The same is true of the carriage of goods between two points in the same state over a route passing through another state. Hanley v. Kansas City Southern Ry. Co., 187 U. S. 617. These cases seem to afford strong argument from authority for recognizing a dormant federal power in a situation like the one here disclosed.

Interstate Commerce — Control by Congress — Act to Regulate Commerce — Issuance of Passes to Employees of Common Carriers not Subject to the Act. — Section 1 of the Act to Regulate Commerce, as amended June 29, 1906, prohibits the issuance of passes by common carriers subject to the Act, but expressly permits "the interchange of passes for the officers, agents and employees of common carriers and their families." This section was reënacted in 1910, with an amendment providing that the section should not prohibit "the privilege of passes . . . for . . . employees . . . of such telegraph, telephone, and cable lines, and the . . . employees . . . of other common carriers subject to the provisions of this act." The United States seeks to enjoin the issuance of passes by the defendant to employees of common carriers not subject to the Act. Held, that the relief be denied.

United States v. Erie R. Co., Sup. Ct. Off., No. 493 (Feb. 23, 1915).

The section in question had been previously interpreted by the Interstate Commerce Commission to mean that the interchange of passes was not permissible except with carriers subject to the Act. Petition of the Frank Parmelee Co., 12 I. C. C. 39. And this interpretation had been embodied in the Conference Rulings. I. C. C. Conference Rulings, 95 g. In 1910 the section was reënacted without change, except for the addition of the second proviso above quoted. 36 U. S. STAT. AT LARGE, 546. Such a reënactment indicates a certain tacit approval of the Commission's interpretation and might have been expected to influence the Supreme Court to adopt the existing construction. See New York, N. H. & H. R. Co. v. Interstate Commerce Commission, 200 U.S. 361, 401. But the actual, and unopposed, practice of the carriers was to the contrary, and accordingly the court was persuaded to adopt a construction opposed to the Commission's ruling. The amendment of 1910 was taken to sustain the view of the court, in that it limited the interchange merely of telegraph and telephone franks to carriers subject to the Act. Furthermore, the only possible justification for the interchange of passes even with employees of carriers subject to the Act arises from the financial value of harmonious relations with possible feeders, and applies with equal cogency in the case of carriers not subject to the Act. The Supreme Court's construction, therefore, leaving aside any question of the possible abuse of such a pass system, seems to be completely in harmony with the logic of the exemption.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE — CONTROL BY CONGRESS — APPLICATION OF CARMACK AMENDMENT TO SHIPMENTS BETWEEN TWO TERMINI IN SAME STATE WHICH PASS THROUGH ANOTHER STATE. — A shipment of goods from one point to another in the same state passed en route through another state. The shipper now seeks to hold the initial carrier for damages without showing a contract for through carriage. The Carmack Amendment provides for the liability of the initial carrier in shipments "from a point in one state to a point in another state." Held, that the plaintiff cannot recover. Wichita Falls & W. Ry. Co. of Texas v. Asher, 171 S. W. 1114 (Tex. Civ. App.).

The court takes the position that the Carmack Amendment does not apply to a shipment of this nature. Such a shipment is undoubtedly interstate, and therefore subject to regulation by Congress. *Hanley* v. *Kansas City Southern R. Co.*, 187 U. S. 617. The inquiry then is merely whether Congress has in